

Dear Sirs:

I am strongly against the proposed regulatory change that would allow broader media ownership of multiple local outlets by single owners. This will lead to more and more of the news and comment available to us to be controlled by fewer and fewer individuals. This is a very dangerous trend in our democracy. Jefferson taught that a free and open press with equal access to all points of view was critical to the preservation of our freedom. This should be self evident. The control of public opinion and the way Americans view world events are connected and must not fall into the hands of the few rich and powerful interests that seek it. Please do not take this gamble with our freedom.